also represented for piped gas supply to Ahmedabad city; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position about commitment of gas for this project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLE AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Gujarat had submitted a Memorandum on the Utilisation of Natural Gas from Gandhar fields and the other sources for various projects in the State. "The State Government had also requested, foe an initial allocation of about 2 MMCMD of gas for domestic supply in Ahmedabad city through pipeline.

(b) 1.5 MMCMD of gas expected to be produced from Gandhar Phase I Project has entirely been committed in Gujarat mainly for power projects. As the production potential from Gandhar fields is likely to increase in future, it has been agreed in principle to 'provide gas for power projects to be set up by NTPC and Gujarat Electricity Board in the State. Supply of gas for these projects would be subject to coordinated investment approval of the related facilities for gas production.

The entire quantity of gas produced in Gujarat stands committed to various users and it has not been possible to make allocation for piped gas supply to Ahmedabad city. The larger question of Supply of natural gas as domestic fuel is under examination of the Government.

भारतीय सीमेंट निगम का घाटा

2092. श्री शान्ति त्यागी: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय सीमेंट निगम घाटे में चल रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा घाटा कम करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं;

(ग) क्या निगम द्वारा आतिथ्य के नाम पर फिजूलखर्ची की जा रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और सरकार द्वारा इसे रोकने के लिए क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री अजीत सिंह): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) ऊर्जा संरक्षण द्वारा लागत में कमी तथा प्रक्रिया दक्षता में सुधार के लिए संतुलन उपकरण की व्यवस्था, अतिरिक्त डी०जी०सैट का अधिष्ठापन,सामग्री प्रबन्ध प्रणाली का सुप्रवाहीकरण, और संयंत्र तथा मशीनरी का बेहतर रखरखाव उन उपायों में से कुछेक हैं जिनके, कम्पनी द्वारा घाटे को कम करने के लिए किए जाने की सूचना मिली है।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1989-90 के दौरान आतिथ्य पर 85.000 रुपये (अनन्तिम) व्यय किये जाने की सूचना मिली है जो कुल कारोबार का मात्र लगभग .003% है।

Proposal/Scheme by Agartala Municipality -for the use of gat for domestic consumption[1]

2093. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agartala Municipality had submitted proposal/ scheme for the use of gas for domestic consumption;

(b) if so, whether Central Government have sanctioned the above proposal scheme; and

(c) if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) On behalf of Agartala Municipality, ONGC had got a Feasibility Report prepared on piped gas supply in Agartala Town. ONGC have committed 50,000M^3/day of natural gas for supply -through pipelines in the' town.

The pipeline network for djstributioi of the gas is to be undertaken by"MA Purvachal Gas Company" to be set up by M/s. Assam Gas company and Tripura Industrial Development Corporation. The distribution works will also be undertaken by this joint venture. ONGC would be ready to start supply of gas as soon as the pipeline network is

completed by the Company.

Utilisation of gas found in the wells of Tripura

2094. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC has found gas in various wells of Tripura;,

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said gas is being flared out even though it was discovered long ago; and

(c) if so, what step's have been taken by Government to utilise this gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir. ONGC have discovered natural gas reserves in Baramura, Gojalia, Rokhia and Agartala Dome structures in Tripura. Presence of gas has also been indicated in the wells drilled on Tichna structure.

(b) No gas in commercial quantities is being flarec-, in Tripura.

(c) Natural gas is being supplied to the following gas based power projects in the State:—

(i) Baramura Power Plant-0.13MMCMD

(ii) Rokhia Power Plant-0.05MMCMD

In addition about 0.015 MMCMD of gas is also being supplied to Brick Kilns and other small consumers.

Availability of gas has also been indicated for the following projects:

(i) 500 MW NTPC Power Plant

(ii) 75 MW Power Plant at Rokhia

(iii) Agartala. city distribution system

New Industries for the backward and the 'No Industry' Districts in Himachal Pradesh

2095. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government- have identified the backward and 'No Industry' Districts in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have any plan to set up new industries in those districts; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The districts of Chamba, Kangra, Kulu, Kinaur and Lahaul & Spiti have been categorised as No-Industry Districts in Himachal Pradesh and the districts of Solan, Sirmur, Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Mandi, Simla -and Una have been categorised as Special Region Districts in the State.

(b) and (c) The industrialisation of a State is primarily the responsibility of *the* State Government (concerned. However, in order to promote industrialisation and reduce regional imbalances, the Central Government offers a number of incentives such as priority in the grant of industrial licences, concessional finance etc., to entrepreneurs setting up industries in centrally declared backward areas. During the last three years, the following Letters of Intent (LOI) and Industrial Licences (ILS) have been issued to backward areas of Himachal Pradesh:—

Year	LOI	ILS
1987	22	3
1988	25	2
1989	17	4

Setting up of new cement plants in the country

2096. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 695 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th May, 1990 and
state:

* (a) how many new cement plants have been set up in the country during the last ten years, with the-names of places where these plants have been set up;